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Mr. Kyle Murphy
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Dear Mr. Murphy,

This letter is in support of the designation of Smith Major and Minor Islands and Partridge Bank as a Washington State Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Reserve. Smith Major and Minor Islands are important marine mammal haul out sites as well as nesting and resting areas for many marine birds. Because of their relative isolation from people, they also provide comparatively undisturbed habitat for these species as well as for marine fish and invertebrates. Without a doubt, this area benefits the health of native aquatic species and reserve status would be a very appropriate management tool.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.K. Gaydos".

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